



# POLLY AND HER PALS, COMING IN THE NEWS; PA PERKINS SAYS "MY STARS" 'CAUSE IT'S STERRETT'S BEST CUSSWORD

## HERE'S A LITTLE LIGHT ON CLIFF

But He Has the Crab Stopped for Queer Abodes

BY TAD

You know Cliff Sterrett, the bird who draws Polly and her Pals. Well, there's a lot of you who haven't seen him. You've saved yourselves a lot of worry.

I've seen him and I've known him for 10 years, but he's as much of a mystery to me right now as an income tax blank is.

His Hair is Curly

Cliff is a short, chunky guy, built like a wrestler. I think he used to tote bales of hay in his youth. He has curly hair and wears tortoise-shell spectacles.

He Lives on Long Island

He picks out the queerest points to live in that you can imagine.

I don't know whether it's on account of his past or not, however, he has the hermit crab stopped as far as finding queer abodes goes.

Once he lived in Lyndbrook, L. I., No one but a tax collector could find his house then. Later he moved to Kempstead, L. I., and bloodhounds were needed to get his joint. Now he lives in Garden City, L. I., and if you're not headed with road maps and a surveyor's outfit and a compass you'll never find the joint. It took Ring Lardner and myself three hours one night to get back to Great Neck, which is eight miles away.

Takes a Queen Lingo

Not only is Sterrett a queer guy as to houses, but his language is odd, too. Gosh all Friday, it's queer.

When you meet him it's says: "My stars! gosh, I'm glad to see you." He tells you what a fine car you have (whether it's an egg crate or not) and wants to make you right at home immediately.

When you get inside his little old-fashioned home he'll say, "Heavenly days, sit down, won't you, and I'll get some music going."

His family are all musicians, but they play on instruments that no one in the world ever heard before. His wife plays a trick piano, his son Paul plays a violin that has one string and a photograph horn attached to it. His brother Paul tickles a ukulele that is built like a butter barrel and Cliff himself plays on saw with a violin bow that holds about 20 strings. And they were favorite songs in the Ozark mountains before Sitting Bull sat down. It might be good music; I can't swear that it isn't, but anyway you can get an awful kick watching the orchestra work.

The Musical Dog

Right in the middle of the Ozark Anthem the day I was there a dog as big as a Shetland pony came into the room and started to mow an accompaniment to the piece.

Sterrett never smiled. He seemed to be on the square with it. We couldn't tell whether he was trying to give us the gate or entertain us. We sat and worried.

After three or four pieces he raged up a few shots of what he called "Whaler's Twilight."

We don't know whether he grows the stuff it's made of or gets it from an embezzler, but it's a pip. On the way out we thought we had the wrong hats. Our skulls didn't seem to fit our skinners.

Yes, Do Happen Around!

"Happen around again," and he said Cliff.

"Happen around again," and he smiles that Steeplechase smile.

I thought of that old saying, "You can take a kick out of the country, but you can't take the country out of a kick."

The language, the music, the most evil instruments, the walk and all got me.

I don't know whether he's kidding the boys or not. He must go inside and laugh himself into a howl when his visitors go.

He's a Chic Scale of the art department, that's a cinch.

I have a sneaking suspicion that he's kidding the bunch of us, and it is he's a pip. He hasn't changed his act in 10 years. I'll have to "happen around again."

Walsh Claims Raid of Communists Followed Officials' Conspiracy

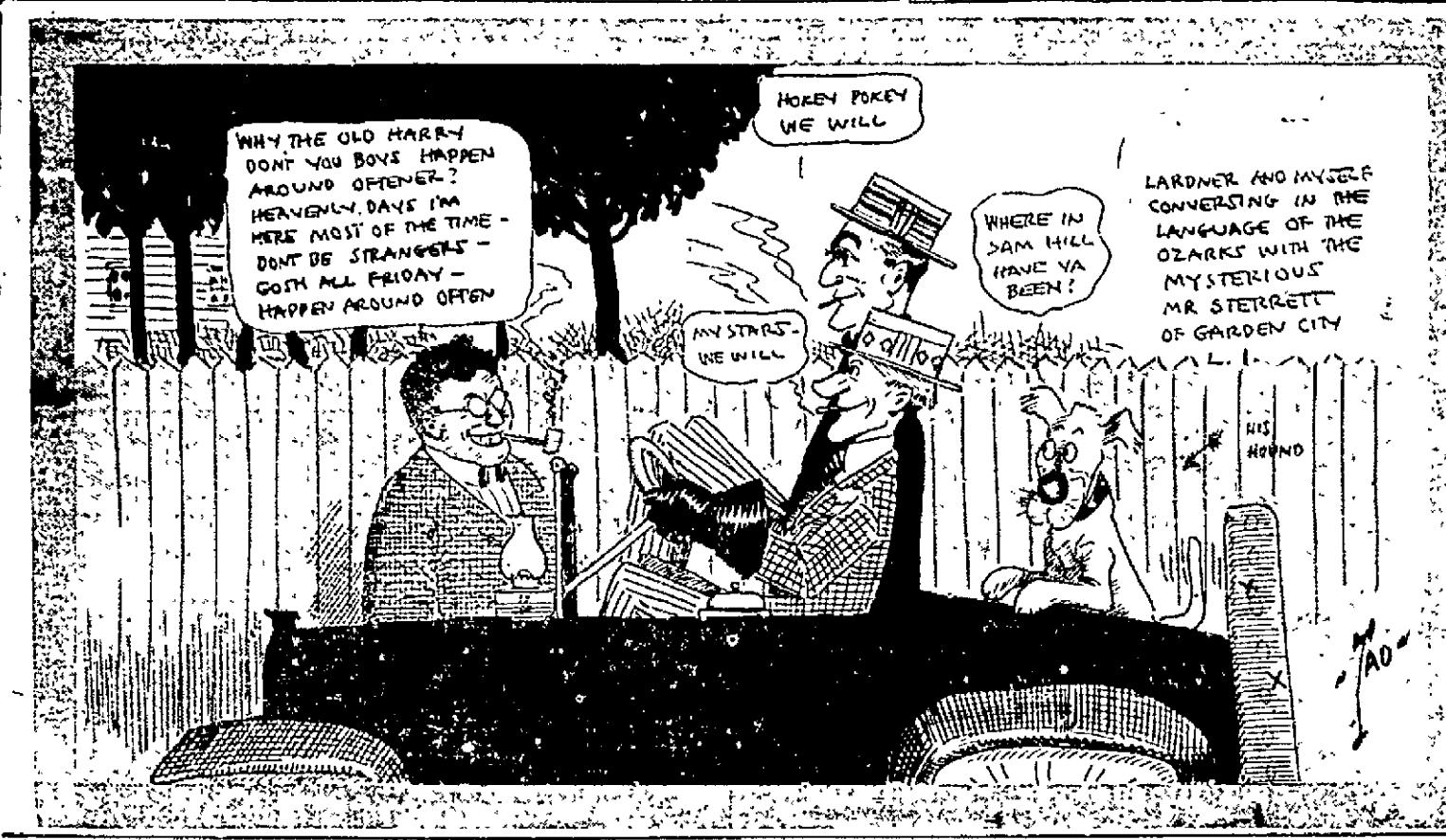
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Frank P. Walsh, labor attorney, today made an effort to show that the raid at Bridgeman, Michigan, last August when more than 20 alleged communists were arrested, was the result of a conspiracy on the part of the department of justice and the American defense society.

William M. Burns, head of the Bureau of investigation of the department of justice, Brigadier General Amos Fries, chief of the chemical warfare section of the army, Mildred Morris, a newspaper worker, and G. E. Harris, general agent of the department of justice, were questioned by Walsh who was taking depositions preliminary to the trial of William Z. Foster and the other alleged communists in Berrien county, Michigan.

ANNOUNCE RESIGNATIONS

ORANGE, Texas, Jan. 22.—Captain and Mrs. W. F. Varnadale announced their resignation of positions and they have held for the past nearly three years with the Lucas Oil Store, effective Feb. 1. They will return to their former home in Tennessee, which is the home and mother of Mrs. Varnadale.

One fifteen-thousandth of each of human blood there is approximately 3,000,000 red



## Legislative Side Lights

BY HUGH NUGENT FITZGERALD

News Staff Correspondent at The 38th Legislature

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 22.—Two years ago, during the lifetime of the 37th legislature, Representatives Lee Rountree and John E. Quand, with the assistance of Representative Lee Satterwhite, came to the conclusion that Texas needed a new constitution. They went to the bat and they lost. All three are members of the 38th legislature and Rountree and Quand shot in a joint resolution in the opening days of the session of the 38th Representative Joe Moore and Homer Hendricks shot in another resolution. Now the co-authors and friends of the new constitution are said to be getting together. They say that the matter of calling a new constitution will be submitted to the voters of the state at the next general election which will take place in January, 1924.

A favorable report has been submitted to the house by the committee on constitutional amendments. Rountree and Quand say that they have harmonized their differences with Moore and Hendricks and the others, but this will not prevent any amendments being offered by members of the lower house when the measure is taken up for consideration. On course it will go to the senate from the house and there will come from the house and there will come from the senate the report of the committee on constitutional amendments.

It is not a fit man, but I am no fool of specifications. It may be interesting, it may be the cut of his clothes, it may be the way he protects his copper vats, but they don't like J. Bogg.

He hails from Coleman county. He is one of the successful breeders of pedigree stock of the West as well as one of the successful farmers. He is always in charge of the live stock department of the State Fair of Dallas, the fair stock show of Fort Worth, and the lesser fairs. Texas, does not go around with a shiny tail, but he isn't a glad hander, he is just a plain matter of fact man, and he is known to every stock man under southwesten skies.

This is not a defensive or an offensive story. It is just a simple pen picture of J. Bogg-Scott, one of the best known stockmen of Texas.

May be in 1925. If this program is successful, there will be a constitutional convention in the year 1925 on the frontiers. Senator Joe Burkett of the Eastland district has returned to Austin from his old home town. He says that more than 1200 of his constituents voted him out of their opposition to a constitutional convention and only one member of their opposition to a constitutional convention and only one decided himself in favor of it. The membership of two live business organizations is counted among those who were opposed to a new constitution at this time. The young senator who is known as Fighting Jim in the west says he is going to "show to the world of his people" which means that he is going to vote against the calling of a convention.

PARKS FOR CHIROS

There are 400 chiropractors in Texas. They have a legislative agency. They name it. Former Representative P. R. Parks of Dallas, Agent Parks has two bills, one will be introduced in the senate and the other in the house. These call for a law to avoid a board of examiners of seven members to regulate the chiropractic and the osteopathic school. Chiropractors are not members men. They use neither the poll nor the ballot. They are students or exponents of the science of anatomy. They say all that they ask is the same legal recognition and protection afforded to the other practitioners of the state. What is known as the long inspection bill has been introduced. This has the backing of those who employ the knife or the pill in curing all the ills that the flesh is heir to. This bill has alarmed the osteopaths. They are flocking to the city to see that the lawmakers do not put them out of business.

This is a funny old world. In the long ago came the Christian Scientists and readers. Those who represented the established order of things appealed to the lawmakers to put the Christian Scientists out of business. They were denounced as quacks and a menace to the public health. They won and they have been regular felons ever since. Then came the osteopaths. They were given the hot end of the poker for a time. They

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## LAST REHEARSAL FOR CLASS PLAY

'Merely Mary Ann' at Franklin in Two Nights

Final rehearsals for the senior play "Merely Mary Ann", which will be presented at the Franklin school on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, are being held today. Hard work characterizes each rehearsal.

The aim of the seniors this year is to surpass the "Green Stockings" production of last year. The high school orchestra will furnish music at both presentations of "Merely Mary Ann".

The cast includes: Lancelot, a

composer; John Donaldson; Peter, his

brother in business; Ed Dupay; Herr

Brabham, a music publisher; Charles

Palmer; Rev. Samuel Smoggs, a

country vicar; Everett Palmer; Jim

Blaydes, a medical student; Clayton

McGuire; Lord Valentine of the

Automobile Club; Murff Bledsoe;

Howard, the butler; Vernon Dean;

Mary Ann, merely; Jeanne Servelle;

Mrs. Leibster, a lodging housekeeper;

Irene DuPlantis; Jessie, her daughter;

Pearl Hatchett; The Sisters Trippett,

Kitts and Potts, music hall

dancers; Maxine Kuhman and Bernice Blair; Lady Chelmer, a poor

peasant; Frances Carter; Caroline

Countess of Fornell, her friend;

Gladys Lubright; Lady Glynn of the

Smart Set; Willie Bell Ross; the

Hon. Mrs. FitzGeorge, in society;

Mary Margaret Ward; Lady Gladys

Valentine, the countess' daughter;

Willie B. Lincoln; and Rowena, Mrs.

FitzGeorge's daughter, Johanna Stu-

## MARINE AND SHIPPING NOTES

ARRIVED JAN. 22  
Vessel Flag Tanager Agent Lake Slave, 1,658, to Lakes Bros. from Galveston.

Aguada, 5,261, to W. H. Richardson from Tampa.

Gulf Trade, 4,948, to Gulf Refining Co. eastwise.

Birkenhead, 1,217, to Magnolia Petroleum Co. from Nordenheim.

Solana, 4,263, to Gulf Refining Co. from Tampa.

Sac City, 3,445, to Lakes Sigitovich agency, from New Orleans.

Sol. W. J. Patterson, 569, to Sparks & Sparks from Tampa.

Sailed JAN. 22.

Levant Arrow, 1,990, from Benimoto for Sabine to finish cargo. Magnolia Petroleum Co.

W. M. Burton, 5,375, for Philadelphia with oil. Magnolia Petroleum Co.

IN PORT ARTHUR JAN. 22

Aguada, 5,261, W. H. Richardson.

Muskogee, 4,502, Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Gulf Trade, 4,948, Gulf Refining Co.

Birkenhead, 4,297, Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Solana, 4,202, Gulf Refining Co.

Sac City, 3,445, Lakes Sigitovich Co.

Cortez, 3,742, Lakes Sigitovich Co.

Georgia, 3,746, The Texas Co.

Sol. W. J. Patterson, 569, Sparks & Sparks.

At Beaumont

Vesta, 2,223, Magnolia Petroleum Co.

Lake Slave, 1,658, Lakes Bros.

Federal, 4,960, Lakes Sigitovich Agency.

At Orange

Spartford (Nor.), 1,292, Hall Shipping Co.

MARITIME MISCELLANY

The Lone Star company motorship Glendam was passed down from Beaumont Sunday for ports in Porto Rico with general cargo. The vessel came into this district with considerable freight in transit taken on in the Galveston district and loaded upriver at both Orange and Beaumont.

Two of the Gulf Refining company tanks went out coastwise Sunday, the vessels being the Gulfwind and the Gulfprince.

The steamer Victorious, operated by the Tampa Interocean company, is due to arrive at this port by the weekend and will take part of the cargo of case oil at the Texas Company docks for points in the Orient.

The steamer Vesta of the Standard Oil company passed up Sunday and will load at the Magnolia dock in the Neches river.

The Standard Oil company tank Radiant was reported out of New York, Jan. 10, for this district and will load at the Magnolia docks in the Neches river.

The Gulf Refining company tank steamer Trimidian was reported out of Baltimore, Jan. 16, for Port Arthur.

A. D. Lasear, chairman of the shipping board for the past two years, will retire from the board June 1. An attached item is that the shipping board is quite likely to retire from service to foreign parts in case the ship subsidy bill fails to become a law. This is made plain in knowing that shipping board vessels are being maintained in service at a loss in order to build up an American merchant marine. This, however, does not apply to operation of the smaller boats of the board under the bare boat charter, but the loss is heavy enough to induce the shipping board to lay up its vessels in case the subsidy bill does not pass.

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## The One-Man Woman

Dan Ward's Past  
By Ruth Agnes Ebeling

### BEGIN HERE TODAY

KATE WARD, widow of her father, JUSTIN PARSONS, has a visitor, CHINATOWN ALICE, who says Dan was the child of her child, DOROTHY. Kate naturally is deeply perturbed. Then, in the stillness of the night, a "voice" whispers to her of a mysterious trunk which could find it would prove to contain the story of Dan's past. A few evenings later, near their home, Kate and her father find an unconscious man, victim of an auto crash. They carry him in. He recovers, gives his name as JAMES LATHAM, and presently tells Kate he loves her. Kate, torn between her old affection for Dan and yet fond of Latham, does not know what to do. She tells her voice of the "trunk" and its message, and Latham exclaims, "I know where that trunk is."

**GO ON WITH THE STORY**  
Kate Ward stared at the man he said her. Had she heard right? And then he repeated it.

"I know where that trunk is," he said slowly. "I am sure I do, if there's a thing to any of this."

"Tell me about the trunk," Kate said. "It was half a whisper. She was frightened. It always had been a question to her whether she had been asleep and dreamed of the voice and its strange message, or whether there really had been a visitation bordering on the supernatural.

She was startled by James Latham's confidence.

"There's a story connected with that trunk," Latham's voice was resolute, "It's a little flat thing—

small a trunk I think, as I've ever seen. It's in an old shack on the river bank, unless the shack has been dismantled and the trunk stolen by boys or tramps. The last time I saw it was three years ago."

"It was open then. Dan Ward was sitting on the floor beside it," slowly, Ward and my older brother were close friends. They had this little fishing lodge and for a number of years spent every week end there. I'm not mistaken, the place belonged to Dan."

"It's been open eight years ago," she said, and instantly regretted it. There was pity in the look Latham bent on her. He didn't attempt to go on with the story.

At length Kate said:

"Aren't you going to finish?"  
(To Be Continued)

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## LABOR TO FIGHT CITIZENS' BODY

Plan \$3,000,000 Fund to Prosecute Ozark Vigilantes

HARRISON Ark., Jan. 22.—A three million dollar fund to prosecute the "citizens' committee"—the new government in Ozark Hills—was sought today by labor organizations.

The fund will be used to arrest and convict vigilantes guilty of the launching of E. C. Gregor and the flogging and deportation of scores of other striking railroad workers, according to the Federated Shopmen of Fort Smith, where the gigantic prosecution plan was launched.

Every shop union in the country will be called on to set aside one percent of earnings of each worker during the next thirty days for the fund.

Labor also will fight constituted officials who are members of the "citizens' committee", according to reports here. Prosecution of these officials will be sought, it was reported.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE OK'S RESOLUTION CALLING FOR PROBE OF OIL AUTOCRACY**

AUSTIN, Jan. 22.—The Wimberly resolution calling for a joint committee and Senate investigation of alleged control by the Standard Oil of a number of Texas producing and pipeline oil companies was given a unanimous favorable report by the house committee on commerce and manufacturers today.

The resolution charges that the Standard Oil owns a controlling interest in the Magnolia Petroleum company, Humble Oil company, Sinclair Oil company, Gulf Production company, Prairie Oil and Gas company and others.

**SAID ALLIGATOR WAS PLAYING WITH CHICKS**

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 22.—There's a friendly looking alligator out there playing with my chickens. Does anybody want him?" this over the phone sent the dog catcher to the address where the report was found to be true. Wandering alligators are very scarce in this section.

**14 NEGROES ARE FINED \$13.90 EACH BY JAMES**

Smiles of relief and grunts about "getting off light" were wiped off 14 negro faces when Constable Tom Wells explained to them that fines of \$1 and costs in justice of the peace courts amount to \$13.90, the constable declared today. The 14 darkies were arrested about 11 o'clock Sunday night by Constable Wells when he raided a poker game on West Seventh street, and fines of \$1 and costs each were assessed by Justice of the Peace W. F. James when the negroes plead guilty to complaints of gaming.

**ORANGE SEAMEN ANGRY AT SHOOTING OF GULLS**

ORANGE, Texas, Jan. 22.—Seamen here are indignant over the wholesale shooting of seagulls. Numbers of the birds have been found shot to death. Seamen who enjoy watching these birds say they will see that the birds are not molested again.

**PRINTING PLANT BURNS**

FORT, Texas, Jan. 22.—The printing plant of the Fort Star, owned by Woodrow & Norman, was destroyed by fire with a loss of about \$4,500, with \$3,000 insurance. A linotype machine owned by J. E. Kelly was also destroyed. The building was owned by Mrs. Bass. The Star will publish its publication of "Grove for the people."

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## 7 RUSS REFUGEE SHIPS MISSING

Were En Route From Shanghai to Manila, P. I.

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 22.—Fear for the safety of seven Russian ships, carrying several hundred Russian refugees reported en route here from Shanghai, China, was expressed today.

Although fifteen refugee ships were reported to have arrived at Lingayen gulf, 10 miles from Manila, reports here were that seven others should have reached the gulf.

The ships originally were held at Vladivostok by the soviet government. Their crews seized them and took them to Shanghai with some 800 refugees from Siberia. They were refused landing at Shanghai and started for Manila, where the advance guard arrived Saturday. An American destroyer has gone to Lingayen gulf and will escort the fleet to Manila, where it will be held pending an investigation and orders from Washington.

**TREASURE BOX FOUND TO HOLD REAL BEER**

LUFKIN, Texas, Jan. 22.—A treasure box was discovered by workmen excavating for a building here. The box contained 12 bottles of real lager beer. It gave evidence of having been buried for a long time.

**BUSINESS HOUSES ROBBED**

BELDEN, Texas, Jan. 22.—Thieves broke open the store of Gus Blaude at Belden and robbed the store and the postoffice, which is located in the same building. The postoffice safe doors were smashed, but the inner doors were open, and the government loss was small. In the store, \$1 in cash, a lot of gloves, cigarettes and other small articles of merchandise were stolen.

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## U. S. FUNDS FOR WAR ON WEEVIL

McAdoo Recommends Federal Appropriation

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 22.—Federal appropriations adequate for the purpose of financing a campaign that will entirely eradicate the boll weevil from southern cotton fields, was recommended by William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury here yesterday, as the solution to the agricultural problems confronting the South.

"The Southern farmers and states in the cotton belt are laboring under a great handicap," he said. "The solution of the whole problem lies in the appropriation by the federal government of funds adequate to apply the knowledge that has been gained by exhaustive experiments both on the part of the state and of the government."

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## Good Evening Folks!

Why shouldn't a nation protect industry? Industry protects the nation.

Any people can govern itself after it learns to reconcile itself to government.

The machinery of the League of Nations will work more smoothly, however, without oil.

Public opinion is just a private opinion that makes noise enough to attract converts.

A premier probably doesn't find cabinet making difficult once he learns how to handle wood.

Solution of world problems draws steadily nearer in spite of all statesmen can do.

You can wrap a quart of vinegar so it won't look suspicious, but you can't do that with any other kind of quart.

The dismal prophets who think conditions in Europe will grow worse have wonderful imaginations.

A conference is a gathering where everybody expects the other fellow to make concessions.

Eamon de Valera urges loyal Irishmen not to obey the law. What a wet advocate that man would make!

An ardent progressive is a man who has grown weary of watching somebody else hold the reins.

"Everybody should learn to drive a car." This is especially true of those who now sit behind the steering wheels.

Fable: Once there was an individual who made a reputation in Europe and didn't come to America to cash it.

Those who think oratory is a dead art should hear some of the lines addressed to an alarm clock at 6 a. m.

We know a man who finished seventeen lessons of a memory-training system and forgot to make the last payment.

How did professional viewers-with-alarm get along in the old days before Japan was opened to civilization?

A political writer says women instinctively favor the best man. They might as well. The groom is already taken.

Somehow, Germany reminds us of the man who was sentenced to hang and didn't have enough chain to hold the noose on.

Correct this sentence: "Of course you may keep it," said the mother; "I think it's so nice to have a pup about the house."

## C-O-M-M-E-N-T

Congressman Harry M. Wurzbach has arranged with the department of agriculture to distribute Lone Star cotton seed to the cotton farmers of the Fourteenth congressional district. Congressman Wurzbach appears to know the value of publicity and distribution. Having won two congressional terms he is planning to win another and with half the democratic of San Antonio behind him, no doubt he will be successful. San Antonio democrats go in gangs. They never vote in blocks.

## BRYAN ON THE ROAD

Official Washington says William Jennings Bryan will be the most powerful leader in the Democratic party in 1924, able to dictate the presidential nomination of a progressive.

W. J. B. is said to be opposed to the nomination of Henry Ford, but will not be a candidate himself. He says the three big issues of today will be the issues of the campaign in 1924. The first is relief to the farmer; the second is protection of the rights of the laborer; the third is curbing profiteers who are preying on both the farmer and laborer."

W. J. B. felt that he was able to dictate the nominee in 1920. He was hostile to McAdoo; he denounced Cox as a candidate of the brewers and his platform as a beer keg; he really hoped to be the nominee himself.

Cox was nominated. Bryan said that his heart was in the grave. He refused to make a simple speech in the campaign. Now Bryan looks with disfavor upon McAdoo, he has no use for Cox, and he hasn't named a progressive he is willing to support.

## THEIR TICKET

Governor Jack Walton and the Oklahoma legislature are very friendly to Henry Ford. The lower house adopted a resolution asking congress to accept Ford's offer for the purchase of Muscle Shoals. This reminds the writer that the leader of the farm labor party of Oklahoma, on inauguration day demanded the following ticket: For president, Henry Ford; for vice-president, Jack Walton. Platform: Let the People Rule. It is easy when it happens that way.

## HERRIN RIOTERS ACQUITTED

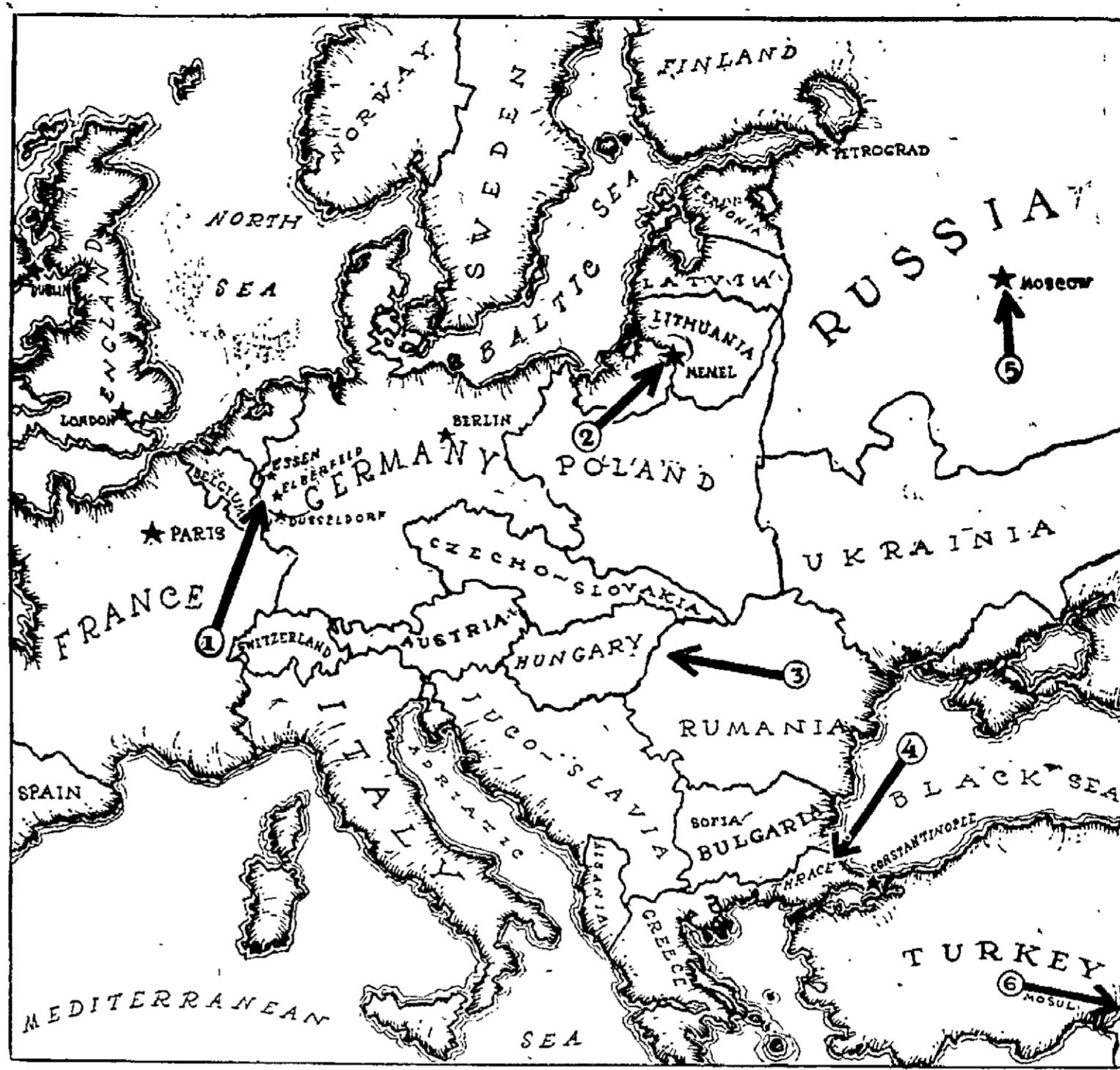
All five defendants in the Herrin riots trial were found not guilty by a jury of twelve Illinois framers. Twenty ballots were taken before the verdict was reached.

It would be true that the twenty-eight miners or strike breakers who were massacred intended suicide and their invitation was accepted. It goes without saying that the Herrin massacre made one of the bloodiest pages of American history.

It also goes without saying that twelve Illinois framers heard all the evidence, weighed the evidence, and returned verdict giving life and liberty to the men who were indicted for the commission of the crime. It could not have been a packed jury. This is a free country and a just government is not necessary.

## Europe's War Sparks Analyzed

How Ruhr Invasion May Push Continent Into New Shambles



THE WORLD'S SIX DANGER POINTS. (1) THE RUHR INDUSTRIAL REGION OF GERMANY WHICH IS BEING OCCUPIED BY FRANCE; (2) MEMEL, NEUTRAL ZONE CITY WHICH THE LITHUANIANS HAVE NOW WRESTED FROM FRENCH GUARDS; (3) THE RUMANI-HUNGARIAN BORDER WHERE CLASHES BETWEEN NATIONALS OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE REPORTED; (4) EASTERN THRACE, CEDED TO TURKEY BY THE MUDANIA ARMISTICE, WHICH GREECE MAY TRY TO REGAIN BY ARMED FORCE; (5) MOSCOW WHERE THE RED ARMY IS SAID TO BE MOBILIZING; AND (6) ARROW POINTS TOWARD MOSUL, APPROXIMATELY 800 MILES FROM CONSTANTINOPLE, CLAIMED BY BOTH TURKEY AND BRITAIN, IN THE VICINITY OF WHICH BRITISH AIR-PLANES HAVE DROPPED BOMBS.

BY CHARLES STEWART

NEA Staff Writer

Of all the Old World's threatening situations of the moment, the one between France and Germany is the simplest, not its possibilities of further trouble, but as to immediate cause.

The trouble is just this:

Germany insists the allies assessed against her war damages to an amount much larger than she can possibly pay. She agreed to them in signing the Versailles treaty because she couldn't help it but she says she hasn't the resources to meet them, so she's in default.

France believes Germany could pay if she would and has taken steps to enforce payment. Belgium is helping her. Italy is helping half-heartedly, doubtful of the French policy's wisdom.

Germany's in a state of violent unrest, as any country which had been invaded by a foreign power's troops would be.

Memel Trouble

Such outbreaks as have occurred in the occupied territory have been on a small scale, but in the Memel district, in East Prussia, the trouble has been more serious.

Irregulars known as the "iron men" have seized the district on behalf of the adjoining war-formed little country of Lithuania.

Memel was under the League of Nations protection, with a small French force in possession. This force has surrendered. However, a French warship, expected in Memel harbor, may turn the tables.

Though nominally Lithuanian filibusters caused this "situation," many people think Germans are responsible, out of resentment for the Ruhr invasion.

The Poles believe Russia is back of the uprising. Poland, much afraid of her big brother, Russia, is mobilizing certain classes of conscripts.

Hungary in Bad Too

In imitation of France's example in using force to collect the war debts against Germany, Rumania and Yugoslavia, the war-scarred former kingdom of Serbia, are threatening similar actions against Hungary, Bulgaria, jealous of Rumania. It reported massing troops on the Rumanian frontier, presumably on the theory that it will be a good time to strike the Rumanians and Hungarians should become involved in a quarrel.

All the little countries bordering on Russia are afraid the soviet world would attack them if they became involved in hostilities elsewhere.

And there's an underlying fear, rather vague but never forgotten, that Germany might get help from the Russians in an emergency.

Near East Maze

The Near Eastern "thrust" laps over from Europe into Asia.

When the war ended the allies made a treaty with the sultan of Turkey which included a "mandate" to England over the Turkish province of Mosul, a rich oil region; that is, England was placed in charge of this district.

Still jealous of the Turks, even then, the English also encouraged Greece's ambitions to extend her power on the Asia Minor coast, west of Mosul.

The Turkish nationalists, however, refused to recognize this arrangement, made by the sultan. They fought the Greeks; beat them; etc.

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posed the sultan; repudiated the terms he had made; took back all the territory Greece had held in Asia Minor; demanded Greece's war-won holdings in eastern Thrace, in Europe; insisted on the return of Mosul to them; said they proposed to resume possession of the straits connecting the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, and declined to allow foreigners living in Turkey the protection of their own home laws and courts, which they had enjoyed in the past.

Conference On

All these questions are still in dispute before the Lausanne (Switzerland) conference.

Russia also has an interest in the Mediterranean Black Sea straits. She borders on the Black Sea and these straits are her sole sea outlet which is ice-free the year around.

Many of these controversies are independent of the Ruhr invasion, but France's action in the Ruhr has made all of them immediately urgent, since trouble which starts in any one part of the Old World is calculated to precipitate it everywhere.

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MY STARS

By BERTON BRALEY

(An astronomer has come forth with the theory that stars are the result of mating between masculine and feminine elements in space.)

A comet whirled through the realms of space.

A shining wake behind him.

He traveled along at a dizzy pace.

With many a tail to bind him;

Till once, as the comet went whiz-zing by,

A gay little Pleiad lamped him.

She winked at him with a bold bright eye.

And gaily indeed she vamped him.

So the comet paused in his neon-like high.

To flirt with the gleaming Pleiad,

He found her sparkling and blithe and bright.

And finally asked, would she add

Her starry charm to his speed and force?

In an astronomical tether?

"And thus," he said, "we will roam

a course through the furthest stars together."

The Pleiad nodded a shy assent.

And over on the trail they started.

And never again were parted.

But little comets and Pleiads came

From this joyous amalgamation.

And thus the heavens began to flame

With a broad new constellation!

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A THOUGHT

Casting all your care upon Him,

for He cares for you.—I Peter 5:7.

And yet I want Him to care for me,

While I live in this world where the

shadows be.

When the lights die down from the

path I take,

When strength is feeble and friends forsake.

When love and music that once did

bless,

And my life-song changes to sobbing

prayers,

Then my heart cries out for a God

who cares.

Marianne Farnham.

is proof of her fraternal affection; she had sent some of her sons into the perils of war; she had sacrificed our sons on the battlefields. Never will anybody in France forget the magnificent outburst of generosity the memory of which breathes again in the history of every one of our campaigns. But the remoteness of the war, the effacing of the sounds of battle by distance and particularly, the tradition of political isolation incarnated by Washington and Monroe, kept away Americans, though not all of them, from the fighting.

The main motive which brought America into the war was democracy, a living thing in England, a symbol of which France is the incarnation; democracy which means respect for civic rights, which is the basis of the Italian constitution; democracy, that noble goal which all of us seek when we stand up in defense of our rights. All this was revealed clearly to Americans of all parties, Republicans as well as Democrats. Economic catastrophe, growing day by day more menacing, was advancing upon the world. There was no power on earth which could answer for the solidarity of humanity. And, moreover, in that deadly duel in which blood was flowing in the holy cause in which Lafayette, DeGraffenre and Rochambeau had risen to greatness, who could be absent without turning a deaf ear to the voice of the world's conscience?

"Thank British and French Honor!"

From the moment that America realized that the world's conscience was affected, that it might be struck down, that autocracy might stride forward to triumph, it was a foregone conclusion that she would rush into the battle. She understood, she rose, so that soon the vast ocean seemed no more than a river. Tell the German ambassador to thank British honor and French honor when he has left our territorial waters." That was the farewell of Mr. Wilson to the German ambassador, conveyed to the latter by Robert Lansing, when he turned over to the ambassador his passport.

What infuriated America was the German government's refusal in 1916 to give a straightforward answer to the formal request addressed to the belligerents by Mr. Wilson. Distress grew, and

# THE NEWS' SOCIAL AND HOUSEHOLD PAGE

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MONDAY

Mrs. Agnes Watkeys will be hostess to the Eileen Krow Society at her home in the Model Addition, 7 o'clock.

The American Legion Auxiliary will entertain the American Legion and eligible members at the Legion Club rooms, S. Webster.

The Knights and Ladies of Securities will meet at the K. P. hall, 7:30 o'clock.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the C. U. will meet at the Carpenter's hall, 7:30 o'clock.

The Civic Club will conduct a "Rose Sale" in the Strand, theater lobby, beginning at 9:30 o'clock.

The Department Club will meet at the Red Cross hut, Fifth street and Dallas avenue, 3 o'clock. Election of officers.

## TUESDAY

Mrs. G. L. Prichard will entertain the Tuesday Bridge Club at her 1724 Procter street.

Mrs. Willie Blanch will be hostess to the weekday Night Bridge Club at the home of Miss Thelma Barnes, 825 Lake Shore drive, 8 o'clock.

Mrs. J. A. Gibson will be hostess to the Tuesday Coterie at her home, 1125 Procter street.

Mrs. Vivian Perez will entertain the Tuesday Sewing Club at her home, 1749 Procter street.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Central Baptist church will meet in regular session at the church, 2:30 o'clock.

The Python Sisters will meet at the K. P. hall, 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. A. F. Dornert will be hostess to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at her home, 1106 Seventh street, 2:30 o'clock.

The Woodmen Circle will meet in regular session at the hall over Wienstein's, 7:30 o'clock.

The Eastern Star will observe their eighth anniversary with a fitting program at the Masonic hall, 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. H. A. Winter will be hostess to the Women's Self Improvement Club at her home, 3149 Procter street, 3 o'clock.

PLEASING AFFAIR OF THE

weekend was Mrs. A. L. Cessie's entertainment of the Saturday Five hundred Club at the home of Mrs. A. Stieh.

The home was attractively adorned with a profusion of roses and green foliage. Twelve guests enjoyed the delightful diversion of five hundred, and at the close of the game, the prize of high score was awarded to Mrs. P. Logan. Mrs. Henry Creighton captured the second prize, consolation to Mrs. Sidney J. Wolford, and the booty was presented to Mrs. Bob Thomas. A lovely salad course was served by the hostess after the games. Players for the afternoon included Mrs. Henry Creighton, Mrs. Phillip Rogers, Mrs. Arthur Wolford, Jr., Mrs. L. Balleard, Mrs. A. P. Wolford, Mrs. Guy Hallton, Mrs. Mayie, Mrs. J. O. Stieh, Mrs. Sidney J. Wolford, Mrs. Bob Thomas, Mrs. P. Logan, and Mrs. H. L. Livermore.

Mrs. Guy Hallton will be the club's hostess at her home, 1709 Ninth street, Saturday, February 3.

MRS. S. E. BONEY WAS ELECTED

secretary of the Christian Endeavor of the First Christian church at a meeting of the C. E. society last evening. Mrs. Boney was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Mabel Shepherd.

Announcement was made at last evening's meeting that Sunday, February 4, would be observed as Christian Endeavor Day in the church, at both morning and evening services.

Christian Endeavor sermons will be delivered at and the evening C. E. meeting, Christian Endeavor's birthday will be celebrated.

It is probable that open house will be observed during the late afternoon hours on that day. Plans for this occasion have not been perfected.

MRS. LLOYD ELDREDGE OF

1815 Ninth street has returned after a pleasant visit of several weeks in various Louisiana points.

MRS. HARVEY CREWS OF ARKANSAS, who arrived in the city last week to attend the funeral of her brother, W. H. Achey, will remain in Port Arthur several weeks with Mrs. Achey.

JR. AND MRS. J. HARVEY

Stevens of Jennings, La., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Carter of 2111 Sixth street.

Mrs. BOBBIE KING DELIGHTFULLY

entertained a party of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. King, the occasion being their fourteenth birthday anniversary.

Games and dancing gave diversion to the guests, music being furnished by the piano and violin. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

Enjoying this occasion were Eula Cain, Elouise King, Irene Patin, Louise Gosselin, Jeanne Crochet, Anna Heriard, Annabel Bahn, Will Patin, Myrtle Mire, Mary Head, Mamie Bolard, Beatrice Johnson, Catherine Lauri, Ellis Greg, James Davis, L. J. King, L. Oliver, Oscar Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Althoff, Althoff, Jr., R. Patrean, O. Moss, and Mrs. J. Cedars, Mr. and Mrs. T. King, Mrs. A. J. Clegg, Missie Cedars, and Roy Wilson.

MRS. S. STEVENSON OF

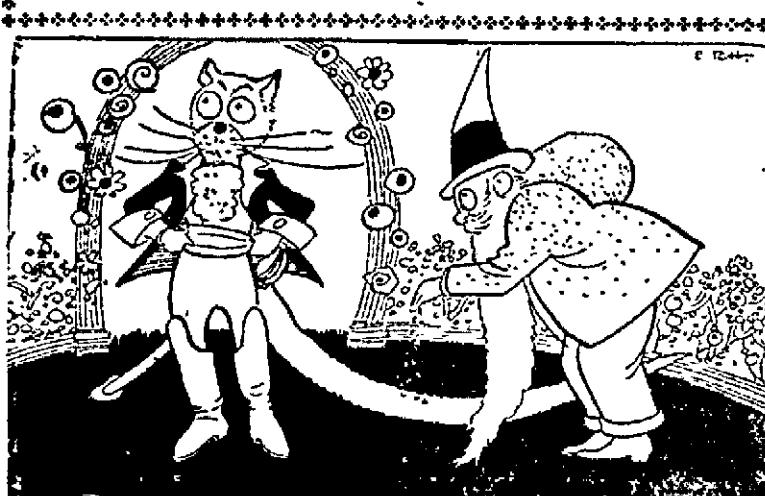
Port Arthur, Texas, district deputy of the Woodmen Circle, will be present at the regular meeting of the Woodmen Circle Tuesday evening, in Wienstein building. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 o'clock, and on account of the important matters to be discussed it is desired that all members will be in attendance.

EFFICIENT FROCKS

Even though pink is not so generally popular for evening as more virile shades, it is not entirely out of the sartorial picture, and one sees attractive frocks of the palest pink, with much embroidery in tiny crystal beads, giving a certain frost-like appearance.

## ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS PUSS-IN-BOOTS

By Olive Roberts Burton



Dusty Coat sprinkled a little powder on his tail as he passed and he turned into Puss-in-Boots at once.

Dreamland was a queer place but just the same everybody had a good time.

Nancy and Nick and Dusty Coat saw to that. With a pinch of his magic powder here and a sprinkle of his magic dust there, the little fairy sandman did wonderful things.

One thing he did was this.

After they had played school for awhile, everybody "got tired and wanted to play something else."

"Let's play 'Puss Wants a Corner,'" called out Wally Woodhull.

"All right! Who'll be puss?" said Nancy.

Instantly Jack Jumping Mouse said, "Oh, no, no, no! Please don't!" and nearly shivered his tail off.

And Chirp Chirpom said, "Oh, no, no, no! Please don't!" and nearly shivered his ears off.

"Oh, we won't hurt you!" declared Dusty Coat. "Because I'm going to change him. When he comes to Dreamland I'll stand beside the gate and sprinkle him with some of my

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## GRANT REFUSES TO OBEY BISHOP

Rector Sunday Pleads for Unshackled Clergy

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The Rev. Peter Stanley Grant today refused to obey order of Bishop William T. Manning that he recall his assertions.

Manning said he did not have the power of God

or resig his rectorate of the Episcopal church of the Ascension.

Before crowds that jammed the church while thousands stood outside

to get in, Dr. Grant yesterday reiterated his views that religion must be simplified. His audience, among whom were many curious as well as religious worshippers, broke loose time and again, in storms of applause.

## FACES HERESY TRIAL

The sermon was interpreted by many of Dr. Grant's followers as an intimation that the rector expects to be tried for heresy for his belief.

At almost the same time, Bishop

Manning spoke in New Haven to Yale

students, taking as his text, "Be thou

faithful unto death," and pleading

for loyalty to the church, and Grant's

assertion that Christ did not perform

miracles was subject of comment in

Episcopal and other pulpits throughout

the country. Not only did Dr.

Grant "stand by his guns" as to previous utterances, but amid applause he led blocks away—a thing without

precedent in the austere and fashion

able church—he amplified them.

SAYS APOSTLES SUPPORT HIM

Sometimes with fighting demenor

and then almost abashed he declared

he was supported in his views by the

apostles. Matthew, Mark and Luke

He asked his hearers whether they

wanted a church that believes in

freedom rather than authority—an

unshackled clergy, permitting the

minister to speak the truth, and an

overhead

"Then have them."

## ACCEPTED IN U. S. SERVICE

LOCKHART, Texas, Jan. 22.—The officers of the national guard

company of Lockhart have become

members of the officers reserve corps.

The following have been examined

and accepted into that part of the

federal service: Captain Carroll H. Brown, commanding Company B, 111th Infantry; Lieutenant Chaplain, G. M. Ashmore, First Lieutenant John W. Lipcomb and Second Lieutenant B. C. Lipcomb.

## PHYSICIANS BUSY

TEMPLE, Texas, Jan. 22.—Influenza had odds and a comeback staged by the dengue fever are keeping local physicians busy. None of the proportions of an epidemic is visible, however.

## Spanish Fricassee Of Young Chicken

SPANISH FRICASSEE

By BERTHA E. SHAPLIGH

of Columbia University

1 chicken or young fowl, cut in

pieces for serving.

cup bacon fat or

cup olive oil

spoonful salt

spoonful paprika

onion, medium size

cup garlic

cup tomato

quarts water

cup rice (well washed)

Sprinkle the pieces of chicken

with the paprika and fix in the bacon

fat or oil until nicely browned

in remaining fat, fix the onion,

then shred the garlic finely cut;

the green pepper cut in strips, and

the rice. When rice is yellow, place all

with the chicken in a kettle, add

water and tomato and cook slowly

until chicken is tender and rice is

soft. In serving, turn rice on to

a platter, and on it lay the pieces of

chicken. The rice will take up the

liquid, leaving just enough to make

it moist.

Note: The quantities of salt and

pepper may not be sufficient. Al-

ways season more to taste.

## INDIAN MAKES TALK

LA GRANGE, Texas, Jan. 22.—Tammie Prosel Shipe spoke on problems

to a large audience in the Methodist church Sunday. He said that his hope was to see his native land, India, and the whole world dry

by 1930.

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# First Clash of Aggie-Good Gulf Basketball Games Tonight at 7:30

## Aggies Arrive in High Hopes of a Victory

Expect Large Crowd for Game Tonight

Despite the inclement weather, the Aggies, Freshmen from Texas A. & M. College arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning ready to look horns tonight with the Good Gulf basketball squad for the first of a two-game series.

The game will be staged in Franklin gym at 7:30 o'clock, "rain or shine," as Manager J. M. Pickett announced early today.

With a host of stellar cage artists in their lineup, and with intentions of annihilating the Good Gulf contingent, the Freshmen Aggies plan to invade Franklin court in whirlwind style to-night.

Speaking this morning of the prospects for tonight's clash, Manager Pickett of the Gulfers declared he is expecting a record crowd.

The A. & M. Freshmen football team which invaded Port Arthur during the football season, and held the local Pirates to a tie displayed some wonderful tactics, and it is rumored that the Fish basketball squad sent here today for the two-game series is just as strong on the court. This fact is counted to be a strong drawing card for the clash.

The second game of the series will be played tomorrow night at Franklin gym, especial seating capacity for both encounters having been arranged by the management of the local players.

The two contests with A. & M. will be the third and fourth basketball games at home this season for the Good Gulf five, the two first games having been victories.

It is probable that Coach L. O. Smith (Nebraska) of the Port Arthur high school will referee the game, although no definite announcement to this effect has been made.

The lineup of the Good Gulfers was announced this morning as follows:

Captain Kuykendall, at center; Peppy and Herrera at forward; and Smith and Atkins as guards.

This is the same line with which Coach "Toddy" Pickett entered the lists at Houston, carrying off the clash with the Rice Owls and losing to the Houston Triangles of the Houston Y. M. C. A. The same lineup has been seen in action here before, and has drawn praise from all angles, having gained a wide reputation for hurling and defending baskets against every opponent they have met.

## Basket ball a Menace To Major League Nines

Yankee Infield Not A Pennant Winner

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The infield of the New York Yankees is far from being the class that one expects of a pennant winner.

Joe Dugan at third is perhaps the most valuable player in the American League at that position. The Yankees, however, cannot do much bragging about the other three positions.

Scott, at short, is going back fast. The Yankees must find a successor for him within the next few years.

Ward, at second, is a good mechanical player, but prone to pull some costly mistakes at the most inopportune time.

Pipp, at first, was one of the most valuable players on the Yankees last season, despite the fact that he has been on the market for several years. Pipp ranks next to Dugan in value.

Incidentally, the outfit of the Yankees is nothing to brag about. If the Yankees are to repeat in 1923 the pitchers will have to try much of the burden.

## Collins' Chief Hobby Is a Wad of Gum

Eddie Collins has a peculiar superstition about hitting.

In the field Collins chews gum when he goes to bat, he removes the gum and places it on the button top of his cap.

He permits the gum to remain there until he goes back to the field, provided he hits the ball before getting two strikes on him.

The moment the pitcher gets two strikes Collins removes the gum from the button and starts chewing it.

"It's just a habit, not a superstition," says Collins in explaining the habit, but ball players know different.

However, the wad of chewing gum is an essential feature of Collins' makeup. He would no sooner think of starting a ball game without a wad of gum in his mouth than playing the infield bare-handed.

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS SUCCESSFUL AT STATE

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 22.—Voluntary athletics of a competitive nature furnish the only appeal which will induce college students to take an adequate amount of exercise, and it is upon this theory that the intramural athletics of the University of Texas have been based," said R. M. Whitaker, director of intramural athletics at that institution.

Each year contests in baseball, basketball, handball, tennis and track are arranged between the different classes and departments of the university, and between the various fraternities. Basketball games that are now being played between the fraternities teams have aroused keen interest among the students. Interest in intramural basketball has been increasing from year to year and it is stronger this season than ever before, according to Mr. Whitaker.

"The success of intramural sports at the university has been due to the passion of the American youth for competitive exercise," Mr. Whitaker declared.

## BOXING PROGRAM FOR NEW ORLEANS COMPLETE

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 22.—Al Buja, chairman of the Eagles' committee in charge of the boxing contests to be staged at the Coliseum, January 20, has practically completed the card.

Frank Colletti and Bobby Hughes will meet in one ten-round, Bill Kennedy and Frankie DeMari in another, and Ernie Persin and Tommy Morris in the third. Eddie Caffin, the Jesterette sensation, will meet one of the local bantams in a six-round bout.

## St. Louis Player Sold to San Antonio In Baseball Trade

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 22.—Outfielder Phil Tolt, property of the St. Louis Americans, last season with Columbus in the American Association, has been secured by the San Antonio club of the Texas League, in a swap for "Third Baseman Homer" Erzell, whom San Antonio sends to the Browns for a trial in the spring.

Tolt played in only 25 games last season and hit .273. The season before, he batted .308 for Tulsa in the Western League and made 28 home runs. He slipped out a dozen homers last year. The Browns are now through adding outfielders. President Peason says as a collection which includes Tolt, Bone, Boone and Meyers looks good enough.

## Heavy Paster Wants Battle With Willard

### Fred Fulton Confident Of Ability To Win Again

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Suddenly from nowhere in particular the tank form of Fred Fulton, the plasterer from Minnesota loomed above the heavy-weight mob tonight.

"I got this last night. Willard once and I can take him again. I got \$25,000 that I can take him," the plasterer wired to Jimmy Madison who time had bandit of Madison Square Garden.

Johnston, after learning that the plastered plaster was really in possession of \$25,000 agreed to take upon himself the duties of a manager. He soon found that Willard was not open to offers of any kind and in his search for other purses he stumbled across Charley Cook, who is managing Floyd Johnson, the young Iowa sensation to the heavy-weight championship.

Floyd is matched with Tom Gibbons of St. Paul for the big bout of the winter in March and wants to get a couple of good matches under his belt before he meets Tommy.

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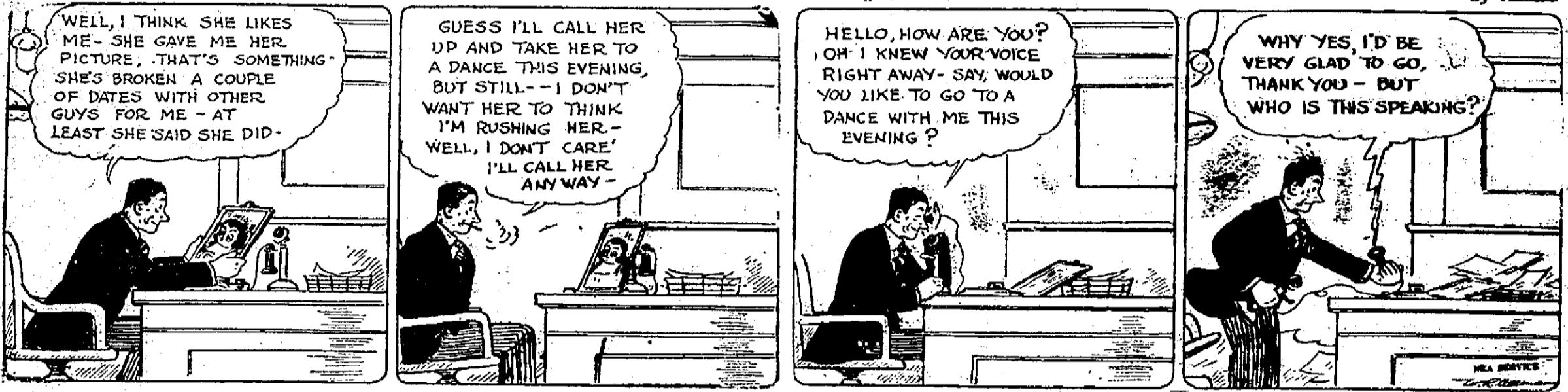
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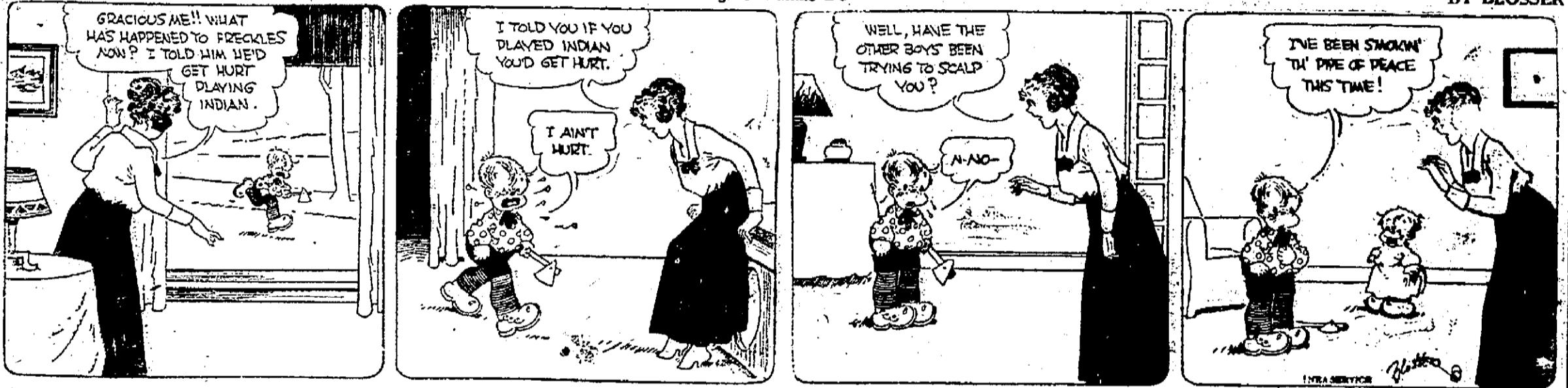
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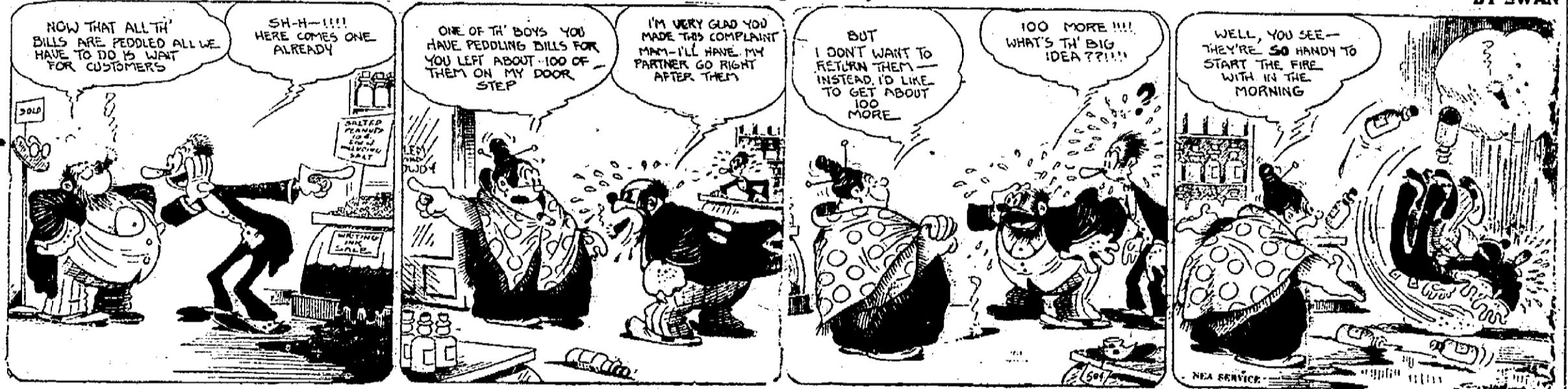
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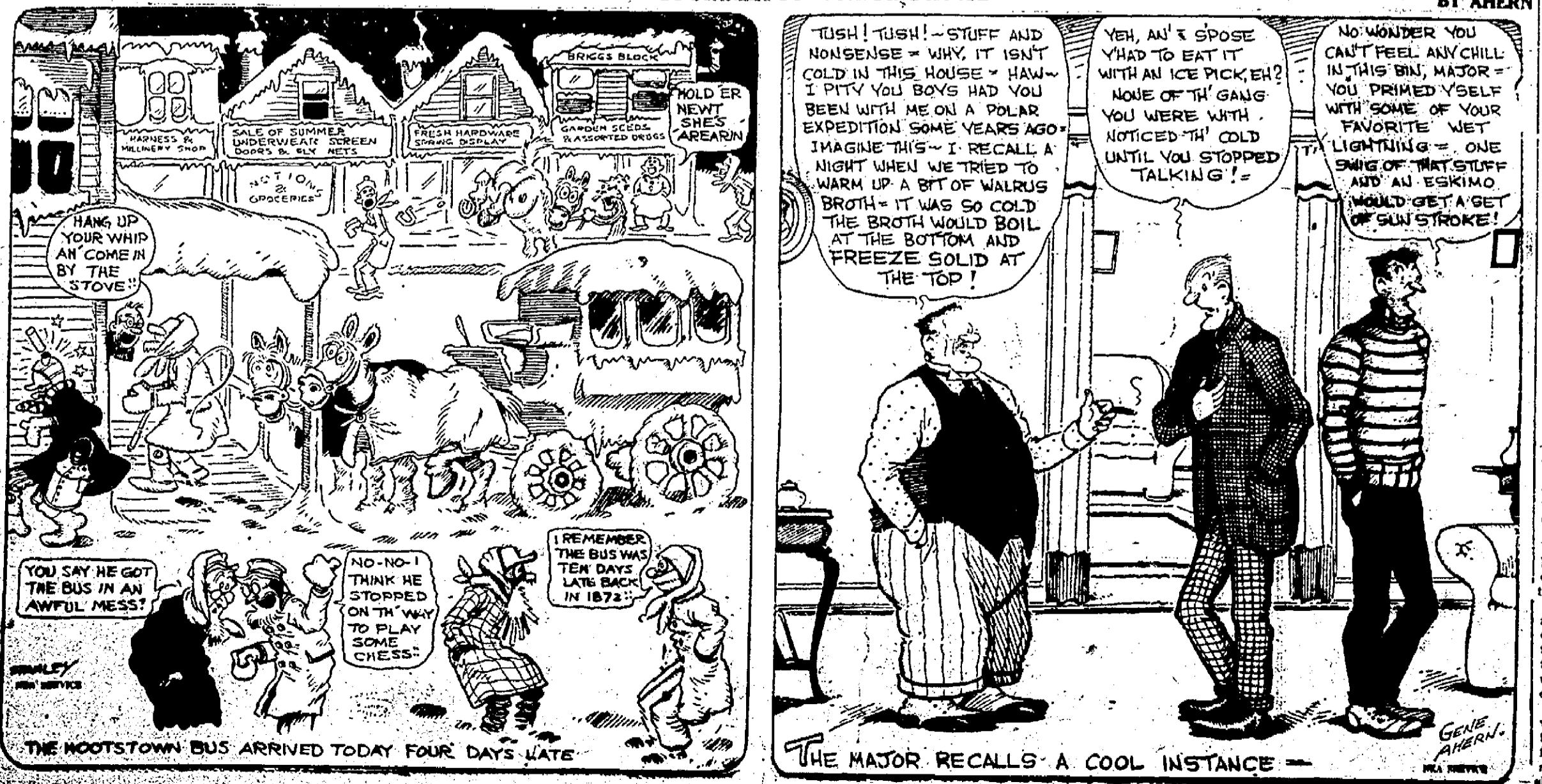
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THE THING ON THE HEARTH

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Did some occult power of the Orient cause the mysterious and incredible tragedy which had removed from the world one of its greatest intelligences—the brain of RODMAN, who had started scientists with his paper on the manufacture of precious stones by synthetic chemistry?

Rodman was dead. His attendant, that strange Oriental from the Shan monastery in Asia, told a story weird and incredible. Finally, M. JONQUELLE, greatest of French detectives, was called to America and the Oriental rehearsed the story of what took place on the night when the man who could manufacture rubies and emeralds as cheaply as glass, met his death.

Like one who has come to the end of his story, the huge Oriental said. He remained for some moments silent. Then he continued in an enigmatic voice:

"I got up from the floor then, purified myself with water, and that I went into an upper chamber, opened the window to the e and sat down to write my report the brotherhood. For the thing which I had been sent to do was finished."

He put his hand somewhere the loose folds of his Oriental coat and brought out a roll of yellow-like onion-skin, painted Chinese characters. It was of immense length, but on account of thinness of the yellow, the wound was not above two inches in thickness of the door."

He paused.

"The fireplace, Excellency, is at the end of the great room, directly opposite this door into the hall, before which I always sat when the Master was within. The fireplace is of black marble with an immense black-marble hearth. And the gift which I had brought—the Master stands on one side of the fire, on this marble hearth, as though it were a single auditorium."

The man turned back into the heart of his story.

"I knew by the vague sense of pressure that the devotees of the thing were again on the way. And I began to suffer in the spirit for the Master's safety. Interference, both by me and by the will, denied me. But there is an anxiety of spirit, Excellency, that the uncertainty of an issue makes intolerable."

The man paused.

"The pressure continued—and the silence, it was nearly midnight. I could not distinguish any act or motion of the Master, and in fear I crept over to the door and looked in through the crevices along the threshold."

"The Master sat by his table; he was straining forward, his hands gripping the arms of his chair. His eyes and every tense instinct of the man were concentrated on the fireplace. The red light of the embers was in the room. I could see him clearly, and the table beyond him with the calculations; but the fireplace seemed strangely out of perspective—it extended above me."

"My gift to the Master, not more than four hand-breadths in length, including the base, stood now like an immense bronze on an extended marble slab beside a gigantic fireplace. This effect of extension put the top of the fireplace and the enlarged andron, above the pedestal, out of my line of vision. Everything else in the chamber, holding its normal dimensions, was visible to me."

"I have said, Excellency, that my angle of vision along the crevices of the doorsill was sharply cut midway of this now enlarged fireplace. From the direction and lift of the Master's face, he was watching something above this line and directly over the pedestal of the andron. I watched, also, flattening my face against the sill, for the thing to appear."

"And it did appear."

"A naked foot became slowly visible, as though someone were descending with extreme care from the elevation of the andron to the great marble hearth, under this strange enlargement, now some distance below."

The big Oriental paused, and looked down at me.

"I knew then, Excellency, that the Master was lost! The creative energies of the Spirit suffer no division of worship; those of the body must be wholly denied. I had warned the Master. And in travail, Excellency, I turned over with my face to the floor."

"But there is always hope, hope over the certainties of knowledge. Perhaps the Master, even now, sustained in the spirit, would put away the devotion. . . . No, Excellency, I was not misled. I knew the Master was beyond hope! But the will to hope more me, and I turned back to the crevices at the doorsill."

He paused.

"There was now a delicate odor, everywhere, faintly, like the blossom of the little bitter apple here in your country. The red embers in the fireplace gave out a steady light; and in the glow of it, on the marble hearth, stood the one, who had descended from the elevation of the andron."

Again the man hesitated, as for an accurate method of expression.

"In the flesh, Excellency, there was color that would not appear in the image. The hair was yellow and the eyes were blue; and against the black marble of the fireplace the body was conspicuously white."

"But in every other aspect of her Excellency the woman was on the hearth in the flesh as she is in the clutch of the savage male figure in the image."

"There is no dress or ornament, as you will recall, Excellency. Not even an ear-jewel or an anklet, as though the graver of the image felt that the inherent beauty of his big figure could take nothing from these ostentations."

"The woman's heavy, yellow hair was wound around her head, as in the image. She shivered a little, faintly, like a naked child in an unaccustomed draught of air, although she stood on the warm, marble hearth."

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